# Williamsburg County Detention Center Zero Tolerance Policy

THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY DETENTION CENTER IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ITS INMATE POPULATION AND STAFF.

THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY DETENTION CENTER SUPPORT A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, CONSENSUAL SEXUAL CONTACT, SEXUAL ABUSE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND RAPE BY ANY INMATE AGAINST ANOTHER INMATE OR BY ANY STAFF MEMBER AGAINST AN INMATE.



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## THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND VISITORS

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### PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) OF 2003



The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal Act established to support detection, investigation and

prevention of sexual assaults, sexual misconduct and harassment in correctional settings. PREA addresses inmate-to-inmate and staff-to-inmate sexual assaults.

#### **ZERO TOLERANCE**

The Williamsburg County Detention Center (WCDC) supports PREA, and is committed to the safety and security of inmates. The WCDC has a zero tolerance policy sexual misconduct. against consensual sexual activity, rape, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment. All incidents will be treated as serious offenses. Perpetrators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and will be subject to disciplinary action. Victimized inmates will be provided access to counseling, medical and victim services. All will reports be handled confidentially.

### **REPORT INCIDENTS!**

We have implemented ways you can <u>confidentially</u> report sexual misconduct on behalf of an inmate. By making us aware, you are not only assisting us in our zero tolerance efforts, but you are

Report All Known or Suspicious Incidents!

also allowing victimized inmates the ability to access treatment services to help them deal with the consequences of being a victim. You can:

- *Report* sexual misconduct to any staff member either in writing or verbally;
- *Contact* the PREA Coordinator by phone at (843) 355-9696, ext 4606. **If the** Coordinator is not available, you may leave a message.
- *Call* the Kingstree Police Department at (843) 354-0606 if you would rather report the allegation to an outside party. This agency will contact the PREA Coordinator and will assist in investigating the allegation. You may also write the Police Department at 401 N. Longstreet St., Kingstree, SC 29556.

Once you report an incident, your report will be investigated immediately and confidentially. You can also confidentially report activity you have witnessed or have been informed may have happened to another inmate.

Please know, that the detention center does require that as a condition of processing your report, that the alleged victim agree to have the report filed on his/her behalf.

#### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP!**

Tell your family member, friend associate, or client to follow these important prevention tips:

- <u>Never</u> accept gifts from staff, other inmates, volunteers or contractors. If they are presented with gifts, tell them to report this information. This can be the first step toward preventing any further incidents.
- Be cautious of inmates who offer to protect them. Immediately report this activity directly to a staff member.
- Always stay in plain view of an officer.
- <u>Always</u> report any situation where they or another inmate is pressuring them for sexual favors. Don't wait to report an incident!
- If they are a victimized, tell them to report the incident to a staff member immediately. If they are afraid to report an incident, reassure them that all incidents will be investigated confidentially. Also, let them know the detention center has implemented procedures to guard against retaliation.
- If your family member or friend won't report, let them know you will!